

Friends of Long Hunter Meeting & Program:

Tuesday, June 6th at 7PM

Join the Friends group for an evening of park planning and fun as Ranger Jeff demonstrates living history atop Fortune, a Tennessee Walking Horse stationed at the park.

Cedar Glade Exploration: *Thursday, June 15th at 10 AM*



Cedar glades are one of Middle Tennessee's most unique ecosystems. Join Seasonal Ranger Sheri for a hike through cone-flower country as she discusses the geology and ecology of these treasured landscapes. Ages 10 and above.

Stories of the Ancient Ones: *Friday, June 16th at 6 PM*

Join Ranger Welch on a walk back in time at the Sellars Farm Archaeological Site. Mississippian period Native American culture will be discussed while visiting this site. All program participants should meet at the Sellars Farm Archaeological Site. Please contact the Park Office for directions at (615) 885-2422. Ages 6 and above.

Fossil Finding Foray: *Wednesday, June 21st at 10 AM*

Discover what organisms inhabited this earth many moons ago as we unleash the secrets of life hidden within stone. Seasonal Ranger Sheri will discuss the fossil formations found in Middle Tennessee's limestone. A brief discovery walk and fun craft will immediately follow. All ages.

Sunset Canoe Float: *Friday, June 23rd at 7:00 PM*

Unwind from a stressful week while enjoying the beauty and serenity that Couchville Lake has to offer at sunset. Equipment and basic canoe instruction will be provided. Meet Seasonal Ranger Sheri at the canoe area in Area 2. Reservations begin Friday, June 16th. Ages 6 and above.

ID the Tree Hike: *Thursday, June 29th at 8 AM*

Beat the heat of day as Seasonal Ranger Sheri leads a short nature hike through the woods of Long Hunter. Tree identification will be the focus of this excursion, ending with a leaf-based craft for the youngsters!

Aquatic Ecology Outdoor Lab Day #1 - Water Quality

Survey of J. Percy Priest Lake: *Friday, June 30th at 10 AM*

How do scientists determine the health and sustainability of aquatic environments? Join Seasonal Rangers Sheri and Crystal to learn what distinguishes a lake from other freshwater habitats and discuss the pollution types that threaten our nation's waterways. We will spend the afternoon collecting and analyzing both water samples AND aquatic critters to determine the water quality of our treasured lake. Participants will be wading in the water: wear footwear and clothing. Reservations begin June 23rd. Ages 10 & above.

Early Bird Canoe Float: *Saturday, July 1st at 7 AM*



Enjoy the tranquility of Couchville Lake in the morning hours while wildlife and birds are most active. Equipment and basic canoe instruction will be provided. Don't forget your binoculars to get a better view of our feathered friends! Meet Seasonal Ranger Sheri at the canoe area in Area 2. Reservations begin Saturday, June 24th.

Ages 6 and above.

Fishing 101: *Tuesday, July 4th at 9 AM*

Join Seasonal Ranger Sheri as we discover some of the fish species that reside in the waters of Middle Tennessee. This talk will focus on the different components of fish habitat, basic fishing techniques and equipment, and licensing requirements. All ages are welcome.

The Power of Plants: *Friday, July 7th at 9 AM*

The intimate relationship between plants and man has stood the test of time and has directly impacted our survival and success as a species. Join Seasonal Ranger Sheri as we explore some of the historical uses of wild plants and examine how this relationship has evolved over the years.

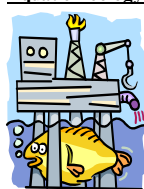


Discovering Birds: *Thursday, July 13th at 1 PM*



This program is for the birds...and for Long Hunter visitors too! Join Seasonal Ranger Sheri for an afternoon of fun and games as we learn some cool facts about birds and their behavior. Ages 12 and under.

Aquatic Ecology Outdoor Lab Day #2 - A Water Quality



Survey of the Duck River:

Friday, July 14th at 10 AM

This program is designed to offer a complementary experience to the Aquatic Lab Day #1 offered on June 30th. Seasonal Rangers Sheri and Crystal will discuss the unique features of stream and river systems and their pollution sources. Aquatic assessment will include

sampling water and organisms (inverts and fish) that reside in stream ecosystems that vary greatly from lake ecosystems. Please wear shoes and clothing for wading. This program will be held at **Henry Horton State Park** at 4358 Nashville Hwy, Chapel Hill. A caravan will leave Long Hunter at 8:15 AM for those interested in carpooling. Reservations begin July 7th. Ages 10 & above.

Couchville Lake Hike: *Saturday, July 15th at 7 AM*

Meet Seasonal Ranger Sheri by the fishing pier in Area 2 for a morning nature hike around Couchville Lake as she tells the history of the lake and highlights some of the parks flora and fauna. Don't forget to bring your binoculars/camera! Ages 12 and above.



Cedar Glade Stroll: *Thursday, July 27th at 7:30 AM*

Join Seasonal Ranger Sheri on a hike through one of Long Hunter's many cedar glades in search of some late summer wildflowers. Ages 10 and above.

Sunrise Canoe Float: *Friday, July 28th at 6:30 AM*

See program description from July 1st for details. Reservations begin Friday, July 21st. Ages 6 and above.

Stories of the Ancient Ones:

Saturday, July 29th at 9 AM

Join Seasonal Ranger Sheri on a walk back in time at the Sellars Farm Archaeological Site. Mississippian period Native American culture will be discussed while visiting this site. All program participants should meet at the Sellars Farm. Please contact the Park Office for directions at (615) 885-2422. Ages 6 & above.

An Artist Eves Plants: *Friday, August 4th at 9 AM*

Before cameras and video recordings, early botanists used the brush or pencil to document the vegetation of our natural world. Learn the history of early cedar glade botanists while trying your hand at native plant illustration. Instruction and basic materials will be provided. Ages 10 and above.

Fun with Fungi: *Saturday, August 5th at 9 AM*

Fungi occupy an important position in our world, both ecologically and economically speaking. Join Seasonal Ranger Sheri as she discusses the importance of these often overlooked organisms while showcasing some of the familiar (and the not so familiar) species that play such a vital role in our daily lives. A brief discovery hike will follow. Ages 10 and above.



Moonlight Canoe Float: *Friday, August 11th at 8PM*

See program description for June 23rd for details. Reservations begin Friday, August 4th. Ages 6 & up.

Animal Tracks & Traces:

Saturday, August 12th at 9:30AM

You can learn a lot about animals without even seeing them! Find out which animals live in Long Hunter State Park by studying the tracks and traces they leave behind. This program will include a track identification craft! Ages 12 and under.



Celestial Celebration: *Friday, August 18th at 7:00 PM*



Explore the heavens above without ever lifting your feet off the ground! Join Seasonal Ranger Sheri and learn how to make your very own star chart to help identify common constellations of the night sky. We will then put these charts to use as we "hike" the night sky in search of constellations, comets, planets, and more! Ages 6 and above.

Stories of the Ancient Ones: *Saturday, August 19th at 9AM*

See program description from July 29th for details. All program participants should meet at the Sellars Farm Archaeological Site. Please contact the Park Office for directions at (615) 885-2422. Ages 6 and above.

Wildflowers of Summer: *Wednesday, August 16th at 9AM.*

Join Ranger April for a walk through blazing color. Late summer wildflowers fill the glades at Long Hunter and are definitely worth a visit! Ages 10 & above.

Fossil Finding Foray: *Wednesday, August 23rd at 9AM.*



Shallow oceans covered Tennessee some 450 million years ago leaving fossiliferous limestone beds scattered across the state and found locally at Long Hunter. Join Ranger April for an informative look at marine fossils found in the area followed

by a walk back in time searching for these creatures. Ages 6 & above.

Sunrise Canoe Float: *Sunday, August 27th at 6:30 AM*



See program description from July 1st for details. Reservations begin Sunday, August 20th. Ages 6 and above.

Please Note That....

All programs leave from the park office unless otherwise noted.

Programs are for all ages unless age specifications are listed.

Walks and field programs are on fairly level terrain; however, please wear good walking shoes.

All programs are free to the public; the access fee is waived for program participants.

Please contact the park office at (615) 885-2422 for additional information, directions, or to make reservations. Reservations for canoe floats begin one week prior to float date.

We look forward to seeing you at the summer programs!



***Long Hunter State Park
Program Schedule
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